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TWO BOSSIER CITY MEN ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY OF ARMORED CAR

Robbery involved theft of over \$400,000

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today that **DANIEL SHANE BOYETT**, age 28, and CHRIS ERIC EICHELBERGER, age 38, both of Bossier City, Louisiana, have been arrested as the result of a lengthy investigation into an armored car robbery which occurred in 2002.

A federal grand jury in Shreveport returned an indictment in July charging BOYETT and EICHELBERGER with one count of conspiracy to commit bank robbery and one count of bank robbery. The indictment alleges that in November 2002 BOYETT and EICHELBERGER conspired to steal approximately \$400,000 which belonged to AmSouth Bank. At the time of the robbery, BOYETT was a guard and driver for the armored car company.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on the bank robbery charge and 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on the conspiracy charge. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress

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and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Defendants are entitled to a presumption of innocence under the law, and the government has the burden of proving every element of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is the result of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Monroe Police Department, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport Police Department, Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office, Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office, Bossier City Police Department, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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